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Baron Romano Avezzano,
Italian Ambassador to the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Honored Sir:-

Last winter there was a report that this country would be honored by a visit from the King of Italy during the present year. One of our members, on learning this, expressed a desire, should this come to pass, that The American Numismatic Society strike a medal to commemorate the visit just as was done with the recent visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

As you know the preparation of a suitable medal involves considerable time. Not only must the artist be decided upon but the preparation of dies, after the artist's work is completed, requires a month's time.

This explanation is submitted in order that you may realize the reasons for what otherwise would seem an unusual request. It is very important that we should know whether the Royal Visit will actually take place, and something about its probable time. I need hardly say that we should consider any information that you might be able to give us as confidential. The fact that H.R.H. the King of Italy is so distinguished a numismatist makes it very fitting that his coming should be commemorated by a medal issued under the auspices of The American Numismatic Society.